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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

CITY'S CENSUS

The 20,000 People are Shown and It All Now Depends on the Circuit Court.

COUNCIL MUST PETITION

Should Judge Husbands Decide in Favor of the City the Transfer Will Be Immediate.

MUCH INTEREST IS MANIFESTED

The new city census is practically complete, and shows over 20,000 people.

When the books are all turned in, which will be this afternoon, the special council committee to, which was referred the census matter, will be called together to canvass the result, and when its report is complete the council will meet to accept the census, and order drafted a petition to circuit court asking that Paducah be placed in the second class.

The result cannot be foretold, as everything now depends on the construction placed on the law governing the case by the circuit judge.

The city will undoubtedly be admitted into the second class when the legislature meets, but by that time the election of officers, some for four years, will have taken place under the present charter, and the desire is to have it held under the second class charter, to avoid confusion when the change to the second class is made next January.

Should the circuit judge decide that the law providing for the transfer by order of circuit court to the second class is unconstitutional, the census just completed will be useless, and Paducah cannot be admitted into the second class except by the legislature. Should he decide that it is constitutional the transfer will be made forthwith, and any objection to the change, should it be in the form of an injunction suit, would probably not be decided in the courts before next January, when the transfer is certain to be made anyhow.

The court of appeals, in a case where a city of a different class was transferred a few years ago, decided the law unconstitutional, but a decision in this case might be different, especially as the personnel of the court has since changed.

FILED AWAY.

THERE IS NOW NO CHARGE AGAINST MR. T. B. BOWMAN.

The warrant sworn out by Armour's new agent, against Mr. T. B. Bowman, formerly in this territory, for the alleged embezzlement of \$380, has been filed away. Mr. Bowman was in Council Bluffs, Ia., the 18th inst, a friend here having heard from him today.

The supposition is that when he left he took his receipts into the house and there turned them in, as he had them in readiness when he left Paducah. The house telegraphed to withdraw charges, which shows there was a mistake.

"ABSOLUTELY FANTASTICAL."

Lisbon, April 17.—In the best informed circles here it is declared that the story that the queen of Portugal will enter a convent is absolutely fantastical.

CUTTING AFFRAY.

JOHN BRECKINRIDGE STABBED BY THOMAS M. UNDERWOOD.

John Breckinridge was stabbed about 2 o'clock this afternoon at Third and Jackson streets by Mr. Thomas M. Underwood, the huckster, but is not believed to be seriously injured.

Mr. Underwood was warranted for malicious cutting by Judge Sanders and gave bond. He stated to a reporter that Breckinridge called and demanded to know if he had said certain things. He replied that he didn't know, but if he did he didn't take anything back.

Breckinridge then assaulted him, he claims, and he cut him.

The wounds are in the side and are not serious.

RAILROAD NOTES.

OFFICIALS LEAVE FOR THE LOUISVILLE DIVISION OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL.

Superintendent of Louisville Division H. U. Wallace, Roadmaster L. A. Downs and Assistant Superintendent of Evansville division of Illinois Central Railroad H. R. Dill, left in a special car this morning for an inspection tour of the road.

Operator J. B. Thomas, of the dispatcher's office, has recovered from his recent illness and will resume his duties tomorrow morning. Mr. J. W. Jewell, of Princeton, who has been filling Mr. Thomas' place will return home today.

The electric wiring has been completed in the new addition to the Illinois Central hospital. The work is progressing rapidly and the building will be finished in the course of another month.

Mr. William J. McBride, city passenger agent of the Illinois Central, and Miss Lottie Rufer were married at Louisville Monday night.

The gross earnings of thirty roads for the first week in April were \$4,63,531, against \$4,329,052 for the first week in April, 1900, an increase of \$144,479. Twenty-one roads show increases and nine decreases. Since January 1 the roads referred to above earned \$63,651,267, an increase of \$4,619,280 over the \$52,932,087 reported for the corresponding period of 1900. For the longer period, twenty-two show increases and eight decreases.

Conductor O. S. Pasker, of the Paducah and Jackson run of the Illinois Central, has recovered from his recent illness and resumed his duties.

HIT WITH AN AX.

Beaver Dam, Ky., April 17.—Harvey, the four-year-old son of Leslie Taylor, of this city, was struck on the head with an ax in the hands of his brother, Ansee, aged six, this morning. The elder boy was chopping wood when his brother ran up behind him and accidentally received the blow. The wound may prove fatal.

SUCCEEDS GOV. BARNES.

Washington, April 17.—The president has decided to appoint William M. Jenkins to be governor of Oklahoma territory, to succeed the present Gov. Barnes, whose term will expire soon. Mr. Jenkins is the present secretary of the territory.

STEYN RE-ELECTED

BY THE BOERS.

London, April 17.—A special dispatch from Cape Town, under today's date, says forty Boers recently met at Bishop and solemnly re-elected Mr. Steyn president of the Orange Free State.

NOT YET FINISHED

Ripley Case will Not be Concluded Until Some Time Tomorrow.

NO IMPORTANT EVIDENCE

Railway Service at Birmingham, Ala., Paralyzed by a Fire This Morning.

GAMBLER'S DEN AT MEMPHIS ROBBED

Frankfort, April 17.—The testimony in the Ripley case closed this morning, and court adjourned in time for the judge to prepare his instructions to the jury.

Arguments will begin late this afternoon.

Today J. B. Matthews and wife testified that Ripley told them that he, Ripley, knew enough to clear Powers, and said that Ripley also said that Taylor was a coward for leaving the state.

General Castleman was called by the defense and said that cartridges were a necessary part of a military company's equipment, which supported the defense's claim.

FIRE AT BIRMINGHAM.

Birmingham, Ala., April 17.—Fire this morning destroyed the street railway company's car shed and thirty-five trolley cars, the Third Presbyterian church, and six cottages. The street railway service is completely paralyzed.

GAMBLERS ROBBED.

Memphis, April 17.—Two men with drawn pistols invaded Marsh's gambling house at 4 o'clock this morning, and robbed the inmates of \$3,000 in cash.

TROOPS FOR LETCHER.

Frankfort, Ky., April 17.—County Judge Blair, of Letcher, is here to ask for troops to arrest the desperadoes in his county.

QUINN ON TRIAL.

Danville, Ky., April 17.—Reuben Quinn, colored, is on trial for the murder of Policeman Crum. All the lawyers here refused to defend him, and the court had to force attorneys to take the case.

CHINN ACQUITTED.

Frankfort, Ky., April 17.—The appellate court has rendered a decision acquitting County Clerk Chinn, of Fayette, of the charges preferred against him by the state examiner.

THE JAILER BETTER.

Eddyville, April 17.—Jailer Kevill, who was shot by escaping prisoners, is thought to be better, but the bullet has not yet been located. Day is still at large.

BIG STRIKE THREATENED.

Pittsburg, April 17.—It is almost certain that the Amalgamated association will today order a strike in the steel trust's plants, calling out 40,000 men.

THE PRESIDENT BUSY.

Washington, April 17.—The Kentucky delegation, headed by Senator Deboe, called at the white house today to confer with President McKinley on Kentucky appointments. They waited an hour, but the president had so many callers they could not get an audience.

GOT \$5.

NOMINAL DAMAGES AWARDED FOR ILLEGAL ARREST AT METROPOLIS.

Attorney R. T. Lightfoot won a case at Metropolis yesterday, but the damages awarded his client amounted to only \$5.

The case of Minton against Sheriff Evers and Deputy Smith for \$10,000 damages for alleged false arrest, was decided yesterday afternoon, the plaintiff being awarded \$5 as nominal damages because of a technical fault in making the arrest. This case attracted considerable attention and some knotty legal questions were involved. The attorneys for Mr. Minton were Richard Lightfoot, of Paducah; C. L. V. Mulkey, of Metropolis, and W. A. Dent, of Brookport; those for the defendants were Messrs. Courtney and Helm, and Sawyer and Evans, Metropolis. Some very interesting speeches were made on both sides.

COL. J. R. LEMON.

TO LEAVE FOR MAYFIELD TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE MESSENGER.

The Mayfield Messenger and job department has been purchased by Mr. Jim Lemon, of this city, and Mr. W. K. Wahl, of Mayfield. The Messenger was sold by an order of the court to satisfy a debt contracted by Editor Lee Elmore, who left that place some time ago. Mr. Ed Beaumont purchased the plant and re-sold to the above gentlemen. Col. Lemon informed a Sun representative that he intended to run local features and cut out the plate matter that has heretofore constituted the greater part of the sheet.

Col. Lemon expects to leave this afternoon for Mayfield to take charge of the paper.

DIED IN ILLINOIS.

FUNERAL HERE OF MRS. JANE CROZIER, WHO DIED AT ELIZABETHTOWN.

The remains of Mrs. Jane Crozier were brought to this city on the steamer Joe Fowler this morning from Elizabethtown, Ill. The death occurred Sunday. Mrs. Crozier was a resident of Paducah about twenty-five years ago, but moved to Elizabethtown, where her husband built and operated a big flour mill. The old Three Rivers flour mill of this city was built and owned by her husband and J. L. Allard. The following persons arrived with the corpse: Messrs. W. L. and A. J. McCauley, Mrs. C. H. Austin and Miss Cora McIntosh.

The funeral took place this afternoon. Burial at Oak Grove beside the remains of her husband.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION

BILL VETOED.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 17.—Gov. Dockery has vetoed the compulsory education bill. He declared that the act interfered with the personal rights of parents and savored of paternalism on the part of the state.

SWITCHMEN STRIKE.

Scranton, Pa., April 17.—Two hundred switchmen in the Lackawanna yards here, at Taylor and at Clarke Summit struck this afternoon against the discharge of two men by Yardmaster Newell, who wanted to replace them, it is said, by men brought from Hoboken.

The tobacco sales for this week will exceed all other sales of the season. At press time the sale was still going on.

CIRCUIT COURT

David Hall Is on Trial in This Court This Afternoon on the Charge of Bigamy.

THE DAVIS CASE FINISHED

The Docket Will Be Cleared Up By Friday Evening By Special Judge Berry.

THE GRAND JURY MAKES ITS REPORT

David Hall, colored, charged with bigamy, is on trial this afternoon in the circuit court, and the case will probably last until adjournment today.

The case against Newt Davis, white, charged with mule stealing and obtaining property by false pretenses, was given to the jury at noon. He is alleged to have borrowed a mule and failed to return it.

Judge Berry will have the docket cleared by Friday afternoon of all but eighteen cases which have been continued until next term, and most of which are misdemeanors. The business has been disposed of in an unusually rapid manner this term.

The grand jury had made no report today at press time. It has almost finished its business.

August Budde was today appointed administrator of the estate of the late Mary Budde.

The case against Charles Cromwell, charged with petty larceny, was dismissed.

COUNTY COURT.

The estate of John L. Perdue was yesterday afternoon ordered into the hands of the public administrator, the young man's father, John Perdue, having waived his right. The deceased died Sunday from injuries received by being crushed by box cars in the Illinois Central yards.

SUITS FILED.

Mr. Walter T. Smith has filed suit in the circuit court for divorce from his wife, Mrs. Ida A. Smith, alleging they were married March 30, 1898, lived for a time at Dyer, Tenn., and that on September 1st 1899, she abandoned him. The defendant's maiden name was Miss Ida Niehaus.

Wm. Havis, a printer, who is now farming, filed suit in Justice Hook's court against Chas. and Frank Carr for \$45. He claims that he came to town Monday and got drunk and the defendants induced him while in that condition to sign a bill of sale for his horse and wagon, valued at \$35. He asks \$10 additional for damages.

Mizell & Co. sue C. L. Metcalf and T. S. Vickers in the circuit court on a note for \$119.59. The plaintiffs claim they were secured by a mortgage on 3,500 bushels of corn stored on the Watt Davis farm, which has been removed.

FINED \$100 FOR KICKING A BLIND BOY.

Owensboro, Ky., April 17.—G. D. Thompson, a burly watchman who kicked a little blind boy for dancing to the music of a calliope on the excursion steamer Island Queen at the wharf here yesterday afternoon, was fined \$100 in the police court today, and in default of payment will serve out the fine on the city rock pile.